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BUREAU MESSAGE

Greetings

As we spring forward to ready for a change in temperature and weather, the latest issue of our Operations West Bureau's (OWB) "West Express" newsletter is coming your way.

This time of year should be a reminder to change the batteries of our smoke detectors, spring forward with our clocks, restock our disaster supplies and continue to promote our community resilience.

However, a true change in circumstance has occurred. Due to COVID19 (Coronavirus) we are not shaking hands, encouraged to stay home and directed to implement social distancing.

It is imperative that we honor the established safe practices that have been suggested by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Public Health.

This quarter we will discuss our remembrance of our fallen firefighters, the OWB calendar, Spring safety, our new Mobile Stroke Unit (MSU), Advanced Provider 82 (AP82), Fast Response Vehicle 82 (FRV82), Census 2020, Coronavirus (COVID19), OWB's Highlight, Join LAFD, OWB Council Districts, OWB in action, transfers and promotions and the back page which contains the Firefighter selection process.

On behalf of the many members of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Active & Retired, we remind you to take care of your family, friends and each other. The LAFD will continue to stand guard and provide outstanding service to all of the communities in OWB.



Armando Hogan

Remembrance



A carefully sculpted garden near the intersection of Fern Dell and Red Oak Drive in Los Angeles, California serves as a permanent memorial to the crew (Apparatus Operator M. McComb, Firefighter M. Bulter and Firefighter Paramedic E. Reiner) and passenger (12 year old female) of LAFD helicopter "Fire 3", which crashed landed on March 23, 1998.



It was March 26, 2008 when firefighter Brent Lovrien and his fellow firefighters responded to an underground fire on Sepulveda Boulevard near LAX. When he forced entry into a locked doorway, sparks from his power saw ignited trapped gases inside causing a large explosion killing him.

OWB CALENDAR

APRIL

12th Easter Sunday

MAY

4th International Firefighters Day

9th Fire Service Day

10th Mother's Day

25th Memorial Day

JUNE

14th Flag Day

20th Summer begins

21st Father's Day

- National Financial Capability month (April 2020)
- Wildfire Safety/ National Community Preparedness month (May 2020)
- Pet Preparedness month (June 2020)
- Prepare your "Go Bag"
- Summer Safety/ Extreme Heat

SPRING SAFETY

- ⇒ Learn First Aid & CPR.
- ⇒ Learn to Use a Fire Extinguisher.
- ⇒ Know how to shut-off Utilities. (Natural Gas, Water and Electricity)

Advance Provider 82

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) deployed a Advanced Provider Response Unit (APRUs) AP82. This unit is housed at Fire Station 82. Will have response areas covering both their own as well as neighboring battalions. The operating hours are Monday-Thursday from 0630-1530 hours. These ALS-assessment units are staffed with a Firefighter/Paramedic (FF/PM) and an Advanced Provider (Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant) and can perform many functions outside of the normal prehospital scope of practice to provide alternatives to Emergency Department (ED) transport. Department (LAPD) custody with minor complaints.

Fast Response Vehicle 82

In our continuing efforts to improve the efficiency of our EMS system and the care we provide, the Los Angeles City Fire Department is increasing the number of fully staffed Fast Response Vehicles (FRVs) (4/10 schedule) and enhancing their capabilities. These resources are approved to medically clear select patients with an acute behavioral crisis or public inebriation for transport to an Alternate Destination (Mental Health Urgent Care Center or Sobering Center) rather than to a hospital emergency room.

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Suggestions, questions, comments or concerns, email us at LAFD.westbureau@lacity.org

LAFD PARTNERSHIP



BE COUNTED

LOS ANGELES

Census 2020: Are you ready to be counted? Census 2020 is around the corner. The results will determine not only our representation in Congress, but how over \$115 billion is spent every year on California schools, healthcare, housing, transportation, and other vital programs in our neighborhoods. But we won't get an accurate count in 2020 unless everyone participates. Together, we can ensure a complete, fair, and accurate count in 2020. **Be sure to participate!**

For more information go to: <https://census.lacity.org/>

COMMUNITY TRAINING AND PARTNERSHIPS

CORONAVIRUS - "COVID19"

4 – Public testing locations: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

1. Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center / Lot 13
1700 Stadium Way,
Los Angeles, CA 90012

2. Hansen Dam Recreational Area
11004 Dronefield Ave.
Sylmar, CA 91040

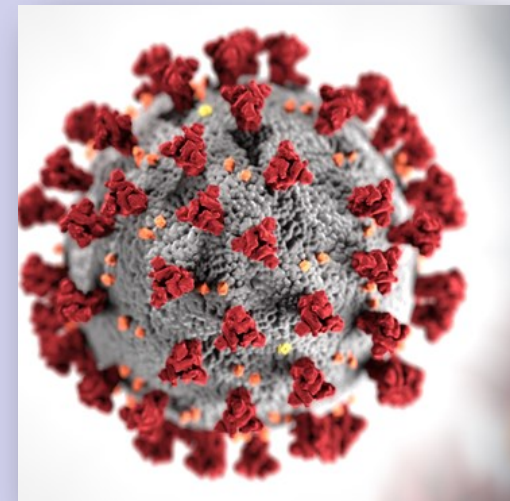
3. Crenshaw Christian Center
7901 S. Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90044

4. VA Parking Lot 15
Corner of Constitution and Davis
Los Angeles, CA 90049

1. Testing Location for First Responders and Health Care Workers

Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center (FHMTTC) / Lot 13

Hours – 10 am -12 noon Monday through Saturday (Closed Sunday)



For more on COVID19 go to: <https://corona-virus.la/>

What You Can Do to Keep Yourself & Family Healthy

Take **everyday preventive actions** to stay healthy.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Follow **public health advice** regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.

Stay informed. CDC's [COVID-19 Situation Summary](#) will be updated regularly as information becomes available.

- [Prepare your home](#)
- [Plan ahead checklist](#)
- [Stay informed](#)
- [Prevent getting sick](#)
- [Preventing spread](#)
- [Protect others from getting sick](#)
- [Symptoms](#)
- [Caring for yourself at home](#)
- [Caring for someone who is sick](#)

LAFD High Rise Fire

On Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at approximately 0837 hours, a fire developed in the South East corner on the 7th floor at 11740 West Wilshire Blvd - an occupancy commonly known as the Barrington Plaza Apartments in West Los Angeles. This 25-story high rise was the same building within the complex, where a similar fire occurred in October of 2013, injuring several people and causing millions of dollars of damage.

Nearly 300 Firefighters, 68 LAFD Fire companies, 24 Rescue Ambulances, 7 Battalion Command Teams, Command 42, the Fire Chief, Emergency Operations Commander, OWB Commander, and numerous other personnel responded to this major emergency high rise structure fire.

LAFD CONTINUING TO STAY AHEAD OF THE CURVE !!!

The Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) has signed an agreement to become the first Fire Department in North America and fourth in the world to purchase an electric fire engine from Austrian-based manufacturer Rosenbauer International. We purchased our five LAX ARFF Rigs from Rosenbauer a few years ago with great success.

The new fire engine will be customized for the specific needs of the LAFD while meeting all of the safety standards set forth by the National Fire Protection Association. The Department expects to take delivery of the new engine in early 2021 and will assign it to Fire Station 82 in Hollywood.

**OWB's Highlight****Assistant Chief
Dean Zipperman**

Appointed to the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) on February 2, 1986.

With 34 years of service, Chief Zipperman was recently promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief, serving as Assistant Bureau Commander Of Operations West Bureau and sits on The LAFD Training Committee.

Assistant Chief Zipperman has served the citizens of Los Angeles in numerous assignments, ranks and large scale incidents across the city. Large scale emergency events include: the 1992 Civil Disturbance, 1994 Northridge Earthquake, Devonshire Wilshire Residential Hi-Rise Fire and Trader Joe's Active Shooter Incident.

Chief Zipperman has held the ranks of Battalion Chief, Captain II, Captain I, Apparatus Operator and Firefighter. His previous assignment was as the Commander of the In-Service Training Section, where he supervised and administered training to the 3400 uniformed men and women of the LAFD.

Assistant Chief Zipperman has authored many department operational bulletins, aimed at providing improvements in Firefighter Safety, Fire ground Strategy/Tactics and The Incident Command System (ICS).

Education and Accomplishments

Chief Zipperman has several certifications which include; ICS, Hazardous Materials as well as State Fire and Wildland training. Currently, he is completing his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Chief Zipperman has attended the University of Southern California (USC), Sol Price Executive Leadership Program, the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Program and is a graduate of the Los Angeles Fire Department's Leadership Academy.

Chief Zipperman is married to his beautiful wife of over twenty-five years and is the proud father of four adult children and four grandchildren.

Mobile Stroke Unit

The Mobile Stroke Unit will respond to suspected stroke patients and perform a rapid neurologic assessment. If the MSU team accepts the patient, care is transferred to the MSU and LAFD resources will clear the scene after completion and share the electronic patient care report (ePCR). The MSU team will obtain CT imaging of the brain tissue and blood vessels and administer thrombolytic therapy ("clot-buster" medication) or hemorrhage-reversing therapy as indicated, and transport the patient to the most appropriate level of stroke care in accordance with existing Los Angeles County EMS patient destination protocols.

COMMUNITY

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WEST BUREAU COUNCIL DISTRICTS

Council District 4 (David Ryu)

Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilmember David Ryu broke ground on the latest bridge housing project in Council District Four, alongside City, County and Los Feliz neighborhood leaders. The temporary structure at 3210 Riverside Drive will house 100 men and women currently experiencing homelessness, and connect them with mental health and counseling services when it opens in June. The groundbreaking was supported by neighborhood groups including the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, The Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA), The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, The Griffith Park Advisory Board, the Friends of Griffith Park, the Griffith Park Adult Community Club, and more. Councilmember Ryu built support for the project over a series of small group meetings with the neighborhood, and will continue to hold small group meetings with neighbors throughout construction.

Council District 5 (Paul Koretz)

Participates in Homeless Count

The 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count took place on January 21st through January 24th. Councilmember Koretz and several members of his staff volunteered in this important event to help determine up-to-date information about the size of the homeless community and where they reside. The Count information also helps to assess and direct fiscal and staffing resources where they're needed most. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) was joined by thousands of volunteers who canvassed more than 80 cities and 200 communities across LA County. Results of this count are expected to be reported sometime in May 2020

Council District 11 (Mike Bonin)

Launching an effort to better protect the health and safety of everyone in the neighborhood, Councilmember Mike Bonin today announced that mobile showers, restrooms, and regular trash pickup have started at two of the Westside's largest homeless encampments.

"Public health must come first. Until we successfully provide an alternative to encampments – housing and services to bring people indoors — we cannot tolerate the public health risks of feces on our sidewalks or trash on our streets," Bonin said. "To protect the public health of the unhoused and the housed alike, we need to provide basic hygiene services. It is humane and common sense."

Bonin said his office has been planning the additional hygiene services for several months, and the installation had been scheduled two weeks ago, but that the spread of the coronavirus underscored the need for the city to provide such services on a much larger scale.

Council District 13 (Mitch O'Farrell)

ECHO PARK LAKE - Following the direction last month by Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, the City Attorney has drafted an ordinance that will allow daily and nightly public access to the restroom facilities on the north side of Echo Park Lake.

According to the original motion introduced by O'Farrell on January 24, the Echo Park area is facing urgent public health and safety issues due to an uptick in the need for restroom access. In this motion, Councilmember O'Farrell moved quickly to temporarily amend the hours of accessibility to the restrooms, on the north side of the park only. The 24/7 access will be part of a six month activation of an emergency measure. The draft ordinance is pending before the Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts, and River Committee, and will then go to the full City Council for a vote.



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“OWB” IN ACTION



◆ To those who have transferred into OWB, welcome !!! We look forward to your commitment and continued service. Thank you.

◆ **2020 Transfers Into OWB ***

LEGERE, Maxwell	FF
CLAYPOOL, Jerrod	FF/PM
BORTEL, Matthew	ENG
WALKER, Adam	AO
DABUET, Armand	EIT
LOZANO, Ryan	FF/PM
NABHANI, Mohammad	FF
ZIPPERMAN, Dean	AC
STALTER, Christopher	AO
YIM, Jason	EIT
VARGAS, Johnathan	FF/PM
VAN BLARCOM, Ray	CI
MEZA, Hillarion	FF/PM

◆ **Promotions / PGA's Out of OWB ****

BIRONDO, Jason	FF/PM - INSP
REYNOLDS, Zachary	FF - FF/PM
MEZA, Hillarion	FF - FF/PM

◆ Operations West Bureau would like to congratulate those who have promoted or transferred.
Thank you for your dedication and commitment. We wish you great success.

- Deputy Chief -Armando Hogan

FIREFIGHTER SELECTION PROCESS

Application **February 11, 2020**

Step 1: Minimum Requirements

- Be at least 18 years of age at the time of application
- Graduation from a U.S. high school or equivalent, G.E.D. or equivalent from a U.S. institution, or a California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) certificate is required
- Achievement of a passing score on the Firefighter Candidate Assessment (FCA) in order to be considered in the next phase of the selection process. Information on how to register to take the FCA is available at:
<https://lacityfirefighter.psiexams.com> and at joinLAFD.org
- Valid California Driver's License is required at the time of appointment

Step 2: Online City Application

Applications will be accepted online beginning **February 11, 2020**. The Firefighter job bulletin, with additional information is posted at

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lacity/jobs/2542988/firefighter-2112?keyword=firefighters&pagetype=jobopportunitiesjobs>

Step 3: Interview

The Interview is a behavior-based review of a candidate's personal history. It is designed to evaluate initiative in learning, practical orientation, role adaptability, service orientation, oral communication skills, job motivation, teamwork, and respect for diversity. The minimum passing score is 70. This score will determine a candidate's rank on the eligible list, which is valid for one year from the date of the interview. This is an extremely competitive examination and only those candidates with the highest scores will continue in the selection process.

STEP 1: MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

STEP 2: ONLINE CITY APPLICATION

STEP 3: INTERVIEW

STEP 4: PRE-BACKGROUND APPOINTMENT & CAP FITNESS ASSESSMENT

STEP 5: BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

STEP 6: REVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS

STEP 7: MEDICAL EXAMINATION / DRUG & ALCOHOL SCREENING AND PSYCH EVALUATION



For more information go to
JOINLAFD.ORG
or call 213.473.9060

Step 4: Pre-Background Appointment & CAP Fitness Assessment (Cont...)

Based on a candidate's ranking on the eligible list and the hiring needs of the Fire Department, candidates with the highest scores will be selected for a pre-background appointment. Candidates will also be required to complete the Candidate Advancement Program (CAP) Fitness Assessment. The CAP Fitness Assessment results are advisory. Candidates will also be required to maintain and complete the CAP Fitness Assessment Logbook at the conclusion of the field investigation.

Step 5: Background Investigation

Candidates who possess a **valid EMT certification and CPAT** will then be considered for a field investigation. Candidates are evaluated on interpersonal skills, sensitivity, and respect for others; decision-making and judgment; maturity and discipline; honesty, integrity, and personal ethics; setting and achieving goals; and a records check.

Step 6: Review of Qualifications

After the field investigation is conducted, a review of qualifications by representatives from the Fire Department will be completed, which may include a department interview. Those candidates who are free of felony convictions and possess the strongest qualifications and good moral character as determined by a thorough background investigation will receive a conditional job offer from the Fire Department and be scheduled for the medical and psychological evaluation.

Step 7: Medical Examination / Drug & Alcohol Screening and Psych Evaluation

A Medical Examination is conducted by a City physician to evaluate the candidate's medical fitness (vision, hearing, cardiovascular, respiratory, etc.) to perform the full range of Firefighter duties, with no conditions which would affect the candidate's ability to safely perform those duties. A Psychological Evaluation (including written test, and possibly an interview by a City Psychologist) is conducted to evaluate the candidate's psychological fitness to safely perform the full range of Firefighter duties.